

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

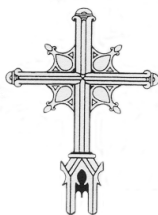


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

Cover image: Three Kings by Jen Norton



THE VOLUNTARY

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Old Rugged Cross
This Little Light of Mine

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

By now you have noticed that things are a little different this morning! Our music today is led by the Hot Cat Jazz Band, a local band that specializes in jazz worship; they do many of these services throughout Connecticut every year. This service is a time for you to tap your toes, move about, and sing praise with freedom and joy.

THE OPENING HYMN How great thou art

All stand and sing.

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1–4

All sit.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 27:1, 5–13

*The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Antiphon*

- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Antiphon

Antiphon by Julie Howard ©1992 Liturgical Press.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Precious Lord, take my hand

All stand and sing.

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 4:12–23**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in **bold**.*

United in the same mind and the same purpose, let us pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family, saying: Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may have the freedom to leave everything and follow Jesus' call to service. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For this community of God's people, that we who are called to be fishers of people may use our diverse gifts to share God's love with everyone we meet. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of hope, that all who find themselves walking in darkness may be renewed in mind and spirit with a vision and promise of life and wholeness. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For the U.S. Congress, our president, and our state and local leaders, that the Spirit will give them wisdom, insight, and courage to lead us in ways that are just and righteous, and that will further the healing of the nation. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all who help others find Christ, that they may share the good news of Jesus in life-giving and healing ways. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with the burdens of life, and for those commended to our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that the light of God's love will bring them joy and wholeness. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Peter Cruikshank, that the light of Christ may shine upon them forever. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all dawning light, hear our prayers and give us courage to answer the call to follow you, letting nothing interfere with the good news of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Amazing Grace

arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

Text found at Hymn 371

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

(band intro-----)

Ho - ly Ho - ly,
 Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Bles sed is he
 who comes in - the name of the Lord Ho - san - na
 in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est

All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Agnus Dei *from* A Little Jazz Mass Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
Latin words from the Eucharist liturgy,
at the Breaking of the Bread

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN I have decided to follow Jesus

All sing.

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

— No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY When the saints go marching in

The Hot Cat Jazz Band

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

Please stay after the service to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Psalterer:** Caleb Peck**The St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia**The Hot Cat Jazz Band:***Trumpet:* Ross Tucker; *Tenor Sax:* Chris Coulter; *Trombone:* Tom Boates;*Guitar:* Paul Shumsky; *Bass:* Donn Doucette; *Drums:* Sal Ranniello**Acolytes:** Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell, Dorian Ciscel**Ushers:** Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel, Stewart Murchie**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Nancy Pedersen**Nursery Workers:** Morgan Babbitt**Sunday School Teachers:** Ginger Gillespie, Jeff Verney, Matt Ciscel**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Marcos and Matteo Donnelly

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia and Richard Gregory.

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Alicia Leggett
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Renz
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Anne Beyersdorfer
Marie Montas	Daisy	Krista
Sam	Wendy	Emma Pinney
Paul Epstein	Bob Norton	Family of Peter Cruikshank

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Isabel Grant	Joseph Bleicher
Luis Lorenzo	Ram Tysoe
Anita Winters	
Caleb Worrell	

Those who have died:

Peter Cruikshank, *friend of Nancy Skeele*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Harford; and for ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of North India (United).

EVENSONG



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Choral Evensong, Sunday, TODAY at 5 p.m. The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on January 22 at 5 p.m. for this time of music and worship. Sung by The Anglican Singers; Simon Holt, choirmaster. This event is free admission, donations welcome in any amount.

New online Bible study series begins tomorrow, Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. A new online Bible study on *Jesus and the Book of Proverbs* will be held in Zoom on Mondays from January 23 through February 20. All are welcome to attend one, several, or all sessions. There is no homework or preparation required. E-mail Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated e-mail list to receive the link each week.

Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 29 at 9 a.m. At the Annual Meeting, the parish gathers to reflect on the last year and elect new vestry officers and members. The meeting will be held in Hubbard Hall between the two morning services on January 29, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. If you can contribute food (bagels, pastries, fruit) to a light continental breakfast, please sign up at sjparish.net/annualmeeting. Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Child care is provided.

Kids Community Music Camp Workshop, Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for a one-day Winter Community Music Camp for children in grades 3 through 5! We will explore the various musical activities that we enjoy in our week-long summer camp (drumming, singing, dance, and more), see performances by our artist instructors, and get to know one another. The camp is free but registration is required. Go to <https://www.reddoormusic.org/camp/> for more information and to register. **Snow date:** February 25. **We are also looking for one or two volunteers to provide a nutritious lunch** for campers and adult staff and volunteers. Contact Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net if you can help.

Contribute to the 2023 Lent devotional. We will once again create a unique Lent devotional created by YOU, St. John's parishioners! People of all ages are invited to contribute a written reflection, poem, drawing, photo, or other response to a particular scripture passage assigned to a day in Lent. We will publish all contributions in a devotional booklet to be distributed in print and digital formats. You may choose a particular day/passage, or let us assign one to you. Your contribution may include words and images from other sources, but please include full attribution. **All submissions are due to Ellen in the parish office by February 10.** Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, .JPG or .PNG format. No PDFs please! Feel free to partner with others, and know that you do not need to be a seminary graduate or professional artist to contribute! **Sign up at sjparish.net/lent2023**

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**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Sunday, January 29
9 to 10:15 a.m.
in Hubbard Hall

*Sign up to bring food for a light continental breakfast at
sjparish.net/annualmeeting
Child care provided.*

Vestry Nominees 2023

Nominated as Warden (One-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)



Ginger Gillespie — Ginger is honored and grateful to be nominated as co-warden. Raised as an Episcopalian and member of a few parishes before moving to West Hartford, she and her husband joined St. John's 22 years ago. At St. John's, she has enjoyed serving with fellow parishioners in a collection of committees and programs that support our church. At this time, she teaches Sunday school, offers healing prayers, and shares responsibility for counting and depositing the weekly offering. In the past Ginger, has chaired the Christmas Festival and Parish Life committees, was the secretary of the rector's search committee, and participated in the women's group and friendly callers group. In our parish missions outside the walls of St. John's, she has contributed as a monthly volunteer serving at Loaves and Fishes, worked to support our ministry with Journey Home, and visited with fellow parishioners. She is married to Colin Gillespie, a former warden and vestry member, and mother of Cat and Ford Gillespie, who were baptized at St. John's and have participated as choristers, acolytes, and youth group members. Professionally, she works for West Hartford Public Schools at Hall High School as a tutor. She is looking forward to this opportunity to serve and work with and for our clergy, staff, congregation, community, and mission.

Stewart Murchie — Stewart Murchie has been a parishioner at St. John's for the last 20 years, with his wife Leah and three children, Gus, Sophie, and Alice, who have all participated in St. John's programs and services. Stewart has been a vestry member, treasurer, and stewardship co-chair over the last 15 years at St. John's. Born in Connecticut, Stewart grew up outside Springfield, Massachusetts, and attended the St. Thomas Choir School at age 10, where he built a lifelong love of the music of the Episcopal Church, and deepened his appreciation for its liturgy and traditions. Later, Stewart attended Wesleyan University for undergraduate studies, and further received an MBA from the Yale School of Management. Professionally, Stewart started his career in the public sector, as a top aide to the Hartford City Council and Mayor Mike Peters, before migrating to the private sector, where he has worked in telecom, energy, venture capital, and, for the last 20+ years, the insurance industry. Today, Stewart is a vice president for Global Strategy & Operations for Arthur J. Gallagher, the world's third largest insurance and benefits broker.



Nominated as Co-Treasurer (One-year term; can serve up to three consecutive terms)



David McCary — Dave has been a member of St. John's for six years, and has served on the vestry for the past year. He was baptized, confirmed, and married in the Episcopal Church. He and his wife Tina raised three children in West Hartford, and recently welcomed their first grandson into the family. Having graduated Middlebury College with a BA in economics and Dartmouth's Tuck Business School with an MBA in finance, over the last 40 years, Dave has been an institutional investment advisor (Aetna Realty Investors, Inc.), an entrepreneur starting four businesses in finance, and an ultra-high net worth wealth manager (Manufacturers Hanover Trust in NYC and his current company McCary Anheuser Wealth Management, LLC). He also currently sits on three boards of directors and their investment committees, helping them oversee \$100+ million in investments: The University of Hartford Art School Endowment, The Connecticut Episcopal Bishops Fund, and the Colt Family Bequest. While at St. John's, Dave has served on the Stewardship Committee and shared his professional photography skills with the committee and other church publications. He also recently graduated from St. John's four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) course. He has enjoyed becoming a member of the St. John's community, and with his wife Tina, looks forward to many more years of fellowship with this wonderful Christian community.

Nominated for a three-year term on the vestry

Angela Allen-Peck — Angela and her family began attending St. John's when the pandemic began, connecting with the community online and at outdoor services before they ever stepped inside the building! You will find Angela and her family — Caleb, Blythe (12), and Juliette (9) — at church multiple times a week and often several times during the same day. Angela has volunteered with



community outreach programs, taught high school Sunday school, supported the Choir School, and volunteered with the youth and family programs. In Angela's professional life, she is a licensed clinical psychologist and relational psychoanalyst who has trained in the integration of faith and psychology. Over the years, she has developed a clinical focus on work with individuals whose identity is deeply entwined with their spirituality, working with faith leaders as well as individuals with religious trauma. In addition to teaching and supervising clinicians, she serves on the board of the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis & Christian Thought and is co-chair of The Early Career Committee for CT's psychoanalytic society.



Eleanor Barnes — Eleanor and her family have been members of St. John's since they moved to West Hartford 25 years ago. Involvement at St. John's has been important to Eleanor and Jack as well as their two children, Marshall and Cricket. Eleanor has served on the Outreach Committee and as a Sunday School teacher, Rite 13 leader, stewardship co-chair, vestry member, and usher. She looks forward to serving our parish community in this important way, especially to

listen and learn what current opportunities and challenges we face. Eleanor grew up in the Episcopal Church (St. Paul's) in Richmond, VA. She graduated from Washington & Lee University and began her career at CNN Business News in New York City. She also earned her M.B.A. in NYC at Columbia University. After taking a few years off to raise her children, Eleanor re-entered the workforce in 2007 with a focus on fundraising for nonprofits, including The Ethel Walker School and the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts. In 2014, she joined her husband, Jack, working as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. In 2020, Eleanor earned her Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) designation. She enjoys skiing, hiking, running, gardening, reading, and time with family, friends, and her two Golden Retrievers!

John Nowacki — Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, John Nowacki earned an associate's degree from Concordia College, Milwaukee, and a B.S. in telecommunications from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Musically, John developed an interest in classical music during his high school years when he discovered organ music recordings by E. Power Biggs and sang in the high school's choirs. He also sang in the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus during its beginning years in the 1970s. John began his radio career at WILL-FM in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, in the fall of 1982, and worked for other Midwest stations in Wisconsin and Indiana before coming east to work for Connecticut Public Radio in 1990. John and his now-husband Don Polk arrived at the red doors of St. John's in the summer of 2016, looking for a new church home. Neither were "cradle Episcopalians," with church backgrounds including Roman Catholic, Missouri Synod Lutheran (John), and Evangelical and Methodist (Don). The moment they walked in the door, they felt both welcomed and at home. John knew Scott Lamlein from singing Evensong and Compline services with him and so was aware of the music program at St. John's. It was one of the main reasons he sought the church out. John joined the choir, and Don became involved as an usher. John and Don recently participated in and graduated from the Education for Ministry (EfM) program at St. John's. John is currently the morning classical music host for NEPM – WFCR-88.5 FM.



Tom Oberholtzer — Tom and his wife Enid have been active members of the greater Hartford Episcopal Church music community in various capacities for the past 45 years. A past president of the Hartford Chorale, Tom has also served as a member of the Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, and a member of the vestry and warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sigourney Street, Hartford. He is retired after serving more than 40 years as president of Meriden Cooper Corporation, a distributor of process instrumentation throughout all of New England. Tom and Enid were drawn to St. John's

by its warm reception of newcomers, its exemplary musical tradition, and its evolving chorister program under the auspices of the Royal School of Church Music in America. As a member of the choir, he looks forward to supporting its ministry and, in addition, the many community outreach programs being nurtured at St. John's. A veteran himself, Tom volunteers at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Newington on a weekly basis, interacting with those who have served and are in need. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, reading, and playing the piano and the organ. He looks forward to serving the parish of St. John's in whatever capacity he may be called.

Nominated to serve the remaining year of Martin Wheeler's vestry term

Annabel Clapp — Annabel was elected to the vestry last year, to serve the remaining year of Anne Harney's vestry term when Anne moved into the co-treasurer position. She has enthusiastically agreed to serve another one-year term, this time to complete the vestry term of Martin Wheeler, who stepped down in mid-2022. Annabel has been a member of St. John's since 2009, and has held several positions of responsibility within the church since then. For several years (including 2022), Annabel was chair or co-chair for the annual Christmas Festival. Annabel also served on the vestry when the Reverend Susan Pinkerton was appointed as rector, and more recently was on the search committee that selected the Reverend Margie Baker as our curate (now assistant rector). Annabel has been a Sunday School teacher for the nursery and elementary years, and she continues to serve as an usher. She is married to Elijah (livestream facilitator some Sundays) and mother to Benjamin (member of the Choir School and EYC). Professionally, Annabel is a full-time speech-language pathologist (SLP) for West Hartford Public Schools. Born in England, Annabel loves returning to her home country in the summer, but also enjoys the four seasons that Connecticut offers.



Nominated to serve the remaining two years of David McCary's vestry term



Mary Sypek — Mary moved to West Hartford and began coming to St. John's in 2020. At church, she enjoys being part of the Community Service committee, ushering, and serving as part of the livestream team. Mary is very excited for the opportunity to join the vestry and get to know the St. John's community in a new way. During the week, Mary is a second-grade teacher in South Windsor. She and her fiancé, Ryan, are getting married in February of 2023! In her free time, Mary enjoys reading, walking her dogs, and making quilts.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary